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Warrior News

<http://www.usarc.army.mil/95thdiv/2bde/3-378th/newsletter.html>



3rd/378th

Upcoming Drill Dates

January

- 13 - 0700 First Formation
Uniform: PT / BDU
Lunch: Postal Facility
- 14 - Uniform: BDU
Lunch: Golden Corral

February 21-22

March 5-7

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Commanders Corner



I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and a chance to relax and spend quality time with your family. As we embark on a new year, I ask that you join me in focusing on three areas that I know are vital to the continued growth and excellence of the Warrior Battalion.

- 1) Let us continue to conduct quality, realistic training that not only prepares us for conducting basic training for new soldiers, but also helps each of us grow in our tactical proficiency. There are changes coming in the POI at Fort Sill and other basic training posts that puts a greater emphasis on field training and 11B skills. More time will be spent out of the classroom and in the field environment. Our Drill Sergeants will need to be able to function as squad leaders in a tactical environment. I believe that we are ahead of the curve on this, and will continue to be. We have the road march coming up in March, land navigation in April and our battalion FTX in May at Fort Sill. Any suggestions or ideas that you have please pass on through your company chain of command.
- 2) Recruiting. Since August, we have gained at least 17 soldiers. I truly appreciate all of you who have turned in referrals, and everyone who has played a part in making our new soldiers feel welcome. I am the last check on the 62-R, and I always ask how they feel their first drill went. I have yet to have a soldier who has not been welcomed fully into the unit, explained their role, and had their questions answered. We are currently hovering at about 90% assigned strength, without including our five mobilized soldiers. This in spite of cleaning out the tremendous backlog of pending losses we had in August. I ask that you continue to turn in referrals, and remember that we are all recruiters.
- 3) Retention. As I have said before, I don't want to lose a single good soldier. If you have any concerns or problems don't let them build, utilize your chain of command and get them resolved.

Let's make 2004 a year that saw tremendous growth and success for us collectively and individually.

AKO News

AKO Mail Auto-Forwarding not allowed to unofficial Email Addresses; 23 December 2003

Army Regulation 25-2 prohibits the practice of auto-forwarding official mail to non-official accounts. To comply with AR 25-2, AKO is discontinuing the option to auto-forward email to non-official accounts starting 19 January. To view this regulation please visit:

[http://www.army.mil/usapa/epubs/25_Series_Collection_1.html]

Options still available to AKO users:

• AKO Web Mail

AKO Web mail provides access to your email anywhere, anytime. Simply login to AKO and click the AKO Mail link on the left bar to view your AKO email.

• Most Common Mail Clients

AKO email can be accessed by either POPS (Post Office Protocol with SSL enabled, or Secure POP) or IMAPS (Internet Message Access Protocol with SSL enable, or Secure IMAP). For assistance in configuring your email client to access AKO email, simply login to AKO and follow this link: "[How to configure your mail client to access your AKO mail](#)"

[<https://www.us.army.mil/portal/jhtml/Help/mail/outlookexp.html>]

• Auto-Forward AKO Email to an Official Email Account

AKO email may still be auto-forwarded to an official email account. If you would like to auto-forward mail to an account with a .mil or .gov extension, login to AKO and click on the My Account link at the top right corner of the page. Select My Email option and change your mail forwarding address.

*Please note that as of 05 January 2004, all auto-forwarded mail that is not being delivered to an email account with a .mil or .gov mail extension will remain in the user's AKO inbox.

Quotable Quotes

"Perfect valor consists in doing without witnesses that which we would be capable of doing before everyone."

Birthdays - January

Happy Birthday to the members of the 378th and their families.

- MSG Daniel McIntire – January 4
- Morajina Perez – January 4
- Sarah Cattlet – January 7
- Emily Dawn Crabtree – January 10
- Adrieane Nolin – January 13
- Vaughn Raney – January 15
- Brittany Nissen – January 15
- Savannah Leckie – January 18
- Alisha Nissen – January 20
- Kaelen Pitre – January 25
- Johna Gouge – January 26
- Ebony Harrington – January 26
- Nettie Webb – January 26
- Joseph Decker – January 28

Class A Uniform Survey

<https://peosoldier.army.mil/classa/default.asp>

Military uniforms have been a source of pride and distinction since the early days of the military. The Army uniform is a reflection of the Army history, tradition and needs. Over the years it has evolved through a series of modifications and changes as the identifying symbol of the men and women in the United States Army. The Product - Manager for Clothing and Individual Equipment is conducting this survey so you can have a voice in helping to determine a design and color scheme for the next Army Class A Uniform.

Featured Website

**Team Soldier
Program Executive Office Soldier**
<https://peosoldier.army.mil/>

On June 7, 2002, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology activated Team Soldier at Ft Belvoir, VA. Program Executive Office (PEO) Soldier's mission is to develop, produce, field, and sustain everything that the Soldier wears, carries, and operates. The vision of PEO Soldier is to be the center of excellence for transforming Soldiers' capabilities so that they continuously dominate the battlefield across the full spectrum of war. The organization is focused directly and exclusively on the Soldier, today, throughout the Army's

transformation to the Objective Force, and beyond. PEO Soldier provides overall direction and guidance for the Acquisition Category (ACAT) I, II, and III programs shown on this website.

These Systems fall under the purview of three Project and six Product Managers

Project Manager Soldier Warrior

This includes Product Managers Land Warrior and Air Warrior. These are Soldier as a System systems, integrated systems designed to provide significant improvements to soldier lethality, survivability, mobility, and sustainability on the ground and in aircraft.

Project Manager Soldier Equipment

Product Manager Sensors and Lasers provides digital and laser-designated sensor systems to rapidly and accurately detect and engage targets in adverse and battlefield-obscured conditions, day or night. Product Manager Clothing and Individual Equipment provides soldiers with ballistic protection; safe, durable, effective individual and unit equipment; protective clothing (including chemical protection); airdrop equipment; and basic clothing items.

Project Manager Soldier Weapons

Product Manager Individual Weapons is responsible for managing the acquisition of all current and future individual weapon systems including rifles, pistols, shotguns, grenade launchers, and associated target acquisition/fire control systems. Product Manager Crew-Served Weapons is responsible for managing the acquisition of all crew-served weapons including heavy sniper systems, machine guns, grenade launcher machine guns, ammunition and associated target acquisition/fire control. Individual and crew-served weapon systems provide soldiers with decisive overmatch capability by dramatically increasing lethality and range at lower weight.



Bush Signs "Servicemembers Civil Relief Act"

**New Legislation Will Help Ease
Financial, Legal Burdens on Troops
Called to Active Duty Service**

(Washington) – President Bush has signed the "Servicemembers Civil Relief Act," new legislation to help ease the economic and legal burdens on military personnel called to active duty status in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Authored by Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Chris Smith, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act updates and strengthens current civil protections enacted during World War II. In addition, the new law contains dozens of provisions to assist soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines to help manage their financial and legal obligations while they are away from home in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations around the world.

"Servicemembers called to active duty or deployed to new duty stations often find it difficult to meet their personal financial and legal obligations in a timely manner," said Chairman Smith. "The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act will help these brave men and women, as well as their families back home, by strengthening and expanding the current civil relief statute," he said.

"For example, servicemembers deploying to new duty stations will have the ability to terminate automobile leases without having to pay any early termination penalties," Smith said. "Furthermore, it will prevent personal property (such as automobiles) from being repossessed without a specific court order in order to take into account their military duty status," he said.

"In addition, it is often difficult for servicemembers to be physically present during civil court proceedings when then they have been called up to active duty or deployed to new duty stations," Smith said. "To protect their rights, H.R. 100 will provide servicemembers with automatic 90-day

stays in civil proceedings. Furthermore, if an additional stay is subsequently requested but denied, the court will be required to appoint a counsel to protect the servicemember's rights while he remains on active duty," he said.

"The new law will even allow the possibility of servicemembers reopening default judgments rendered against them when the failure to appear was caused by military service. And the civil protections under this law will now also be applied to administrative proceedings, such as licensing and zoning matters, which are much more common today," said Smith.

"For Guard and reserve members called to active duty – especially for extended periods such as Operation Iraqi Freedom – the reduction in income can place significant economic pressure on them and their families," Smith said. "The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act recognizes that these men and women need and deserve special relief to meet a number of financial obligations and liabilities, such as rent, mortgages, installment contracts and leases," he said.

Now that it is enacted into law, H.R. 100 will also:

- Expand current law that protects servicemembers and their families from eviction from housing while on active duty due to nonpayment of rents that are \$1,200 per month or less. Under the new provisions this protection would be significantly updated to meet today's higher cost of living – covering housing leases up to \$2,400 per month – and then be adjusted annually to account for inflation.
- Provide a servicemember who receives permanent change of station orders or who is deployed to a new location for 90 days or more the right to terminate a housing lease.
- Clarify and restate existing law that limits to 6 percent interest on credit obligations, including credit card debt, for active duty servicemembers. HR 100 unambiguously states that no interest above 6 percent can accrue

for credit obligations while on active duty, nor can that excess interest become due once the servicemember leaves active duty – instead that portion above 6 percent is permanently forgiven. Furthermore, the monthly payment must be reduced by the amount of interest saved during the covered period.

- Update life insurance protections provided to activated Guard and reserve members by increasing from \$10,000 to \$250,000 the maximum policy coverage that the federal government will protect from default for nonpayment while on active duty.
- Prevent servicemembers from a form of double taxation that can occur when they have a spouse who works and is taxed in a state other than the state in which they maintain their permanent legal residence. HR 100 will prevent states from using the income earned by a servicemember in determining the spouse's tax rate when they do not maintain their permanent legal residence in that state.

"With hundreds of thousands of our military personnel stationed around the world today in the war on terrorism, it is imperative that Congress do all that it can to ease the burdens that they and their loved ones face back at home," Smith said. "Enactment of the 'Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act' strengthens current civil protections, as well as provides important new ones, to help prevent soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines defending our nation and our freedom from being negatively affected by their service," he said.

Hooah Humor

With a horde of men I drive a jeep;
With a mob of chaps I try to sleep;
An army accompanies me to mess;
A platoon's around me when I dress;
With a battalion I drill all day;
With a company I eat and play;
Men to left and men to right;
Men around me day and night;
The Army — I can take it, see,
But the thing that murders me,
The irony that stabs my bones.
Is this: they call me PRIVATE Jones.

Family Readiness

A Message from Your Friendly Family Readiness Leader

The Christmas Party was a huge success, thanks to all those who bid on the auctions, we raised over \$1000. This allows us to do wonderful things like the family picnic, the donuts at drill, and the Christmas party.

If anyone had a camera and took pictures at the party, we would be very appreciative if you could share some with the Family Support. I somehow left my camera behind, along with the directions to the Omniplex :0)

MAJ Todd deserves a huge THANK YOU for all the hard work she did coordinating and putting together the party. Thanks also go out to SSG Helen Williams, SSG Schall, and SFC McGill for setting up and decorating the room at the Omniplex, thanks to CDT Burney for getting us the great discount, and thanks to all the soldiers who helped to serve the food and drinks.

Thank you, CPT Marks and Bravo Company for donating all the profits from the T-shirt sale to the Family Support. They raised over \$200!!!! If you ordered a T-shirt and haven't picked it up or paid for it, you need to do so by Jan. Drill.

I am in the process of updating the telephone tree with all the gains and losses. If you would like to be a Telephone Tree Volunteer, call [527-7004] or email [morningstar.cornell@us.army.mil] and I'll get you setup with a list of contacts.

Lost and Found: 2 Coats were left behind in the Goldman Room at the Omniplex. One coat had a hat and gloves in the pocket. Both are children's sizes. You may call [527-7004, 360-8786] or come by the unit to pick up your lost coat.

We'd like to know what you think about the newsletter, come by Mr. Cornell's office at the unit and give us some feedback.

*MorningStar Cornell
FRG Leader*



Alpha Company Gets a Huge Welcome Home



SGM Gomez Speaks to the troops and families



MAJ May overseeing 1SGT McCleary's daughter "practicing" her skill on the battalion